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The primary reason for needing the amended NOI, other than to show the actual disturbed area, is to have accurate land ownership and right of entry information. Your amended NOI indicates the only land owner, both surface and mineral, is Bob Pinder, but according to the Duchesne County Recorder, the land in the extreme northeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 7 West, USM, is owned by Else Marie and Peter M. VanderHooft of Salt Lake City. The area in question is where you built the road up the drainage.

I can write in the name of the land owner, but I need to know whether you have right of entry for the area and if you have notified the land owners. You are not actually mining this area, so, until you do, you should not need to acquire mineral rights.

The abatement for the second cessation order requires that you

"Submit right of entry information and a map as required in R647-3-104(2) and R647-3-105. The right of entry information must



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show that the operator has the right to enter and begin mining operations in the areas affected by mining."

Since you have not submitted this information for the VanderHooft property, the cessation order has not yet been fully abated.

If you do not have right of entry for this area, you will need to either obtain that right of entry or immediately reclaim it. If you do have right of entry, you need to provide this information.

In either case, *I strongly suggest that you request additional time to complete abatement of the cessation order*. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you need clarification about this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

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